Equipment association honors Jackson Aileo

Jackson Aileo, 200 Park Street, vice president of Gentex Corporation's Military Market Development, recently received the Survival and Flight Equipment (SAFE) Association's Honorary Life Member Award. Mr. Aileo traveled to Las Vegas to receive the prestigious award on December 8, 1982.

The award was presented in recognition of Mr. Aileo's many years of dedication to the safety industry.

He joined General Textile Mills, Inc., now Gentex, in 1942, involved with personnel and cargo recovery parachute systems. He has become known as "Mr. Helmet" for his involvement in the many personnel protective systems that Gentex Corporation has provided the military life support community.

He has in excess of 50 patents for high-impact protective devices, as well as in componentry and ballistic and sound protection. Most high performance helmets currently in use by military and civilian agencies include design features and innovations developed by Aileo.

Jackson Aileo

Aileo and his wife Wilma have three daughters, two sons and seven grandchildren.